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According to SCE&G, the actual extension proposed by the Company would be achieved by constructing a 1,200 foot, three-phase line that would cross territory assigned

to Berkeley. The line is being constructed to service the Bulls Bay Golf Club Clubhouse, which is located wholly within territory assigned to SCE&G. (“the Project”). A map depicting the Project site is attached to SCE&G’s Petition as Exhibit A.

In support of its Petition, SCE&G asserts that the extension would not interfere with the normal operations of any other electrical supplier and is necessary to ensure SCE&G’s continued ability to provide safe, reliable electrical service to its customers. SCE&G states that the Company will not serve any customers in the Co-op’s assigned territory from the line extension, except as allowed by S.C. Code of Laws 58-27-660 (1). Additionally, as provided by signed affidavit of Berkeley’s Superintendent of Field Engineers (Exhibit B) attached to SCE&G’s Petition, Berkeley does not oppose SCE&G’s Petition or the extension of its line through the Co-op’s assigned territory.

By its Petition to extend the existing line as proposed, SCE&G requests that the Commission waive hearing requirements pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-821(2) (Supp. 2001). §103-821 provides that a formal proceeding initiated under these rules may be decided upon without a formal hearing, upon the written opinion of the Commission that the pleading on its face shows that a hearing is not necessary in the public interest or for the protection of substantial rights. SCE&G asserts that “on its face”, the Company’s Petition “shows that a hearing is not necessary in the public interest or for the protection of substantial rights” since Berkeley does not object to the Project and the only lines affected will be lines currently owned and used by SCE&G.

Upon examining the Petition to extend SCE&G’s existing line as set forth in the proposed Project, the Commission finds that public interest and the protection of

substantial rights would be served in the instant matter without the necessity of a hearing. We further find that SCE&G's Petition for extension of its existing line should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petition of SCE&G for expedited approval of the Company's plan to extend an existing three-phase line located in Charleston County, South Carolina on SCE&G assigned territory, by crossing territory assigned to Berkeley Electric Cooperative, to provide service to the Bulls Bay Golf Club Clubhouse is granted upon the finding of this Commission that the requested waiver of hearing is in the public interest.

2. The Petition of SCE&G to extend an existing three-phase line located in Charleston County, South Carolina on SCE&G assigned territory, by crossing territory assigned to Berkeley Electric Cooperative, to provide service to Bulls Bay Golf Club Clubhouse is granted. No corridor rights shall emanate from this extended line.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director
(SEAL)